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Glorifying GOD by Helping Starving Children!



## Letters of Endorsement

*I am Bishop Broderick Pabillo of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). I am an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Manila, and I have been the chairperson of the Catholic bishops' commission on justice and peace and the national director of its working arm known as the National Secretariat for Social Action or (NASSA) for short. Since 2009 Risen Savior Missions (RSM) has been a partner of NASSA in addressing malnourishment and undernourishment in many dioceses in our country. I hope through your generosity, RSM will continue its mission here in the country and even expand all the more to reach our far-flung islands that are currently not being served. RSM is a very concrete expression of solidarity among us Catholics even though we are divided by the Pacific Ocean. God bless you all.*

~ Bishop Broderick S. Pabillo,  
DD Auxiliary Bishop of Manila  
8-05-14

*This is to endorse Risen Savior Missions' efforts (RSM). Since 2006 RSM has shipped over 55 million nutritious meals feeding more than 1 million children and their families affected by disasters. We pray that RSM, with the grace of God and your help, be able to raise the resources it needs to continue to ship more nutritious meals for the benefit of the poor and hungry, malnourished children of the Philippines in the next 57 dioceses.*

~ Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle,  
Archbishop of Manila  
6-23-16



Most Rev. Marcelino Antonio M. Maralit Jr.

*I am the Most Rev. Marcelino M. Maralit Jr., DD, the 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the diocese of Boac in the island province of Marinduque, Philippines. It is an island province with the land area of 367.79 miles and a population of approximately a quarter of 1 million people. I inherited the Marinduque Integrated Nutrition Educational Livelihood (MARINEL) whole island holistic feeding project that was launched by my predecessor and Bishop, the most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, through RSM. This province had a high malnutrition rate of around 25%, and now the extent of this multi-year program has already had an impact on the lives of 43,369 beneficiaries (i.e., malnourished and starving children, elderly, pregnant and lactating mothers, and tuberculosis patients).*

*One would not even know where to start looking for two million meals a year that were given to our beneficiaries during the past three years of the mission. The herculean effort to try to bring this entire island to zero malnutrition continues. We need the full support of our American partners like RSM as real as before. Even more so now is the need, so that we can continue on with our final stages. We desire to really go for the home run! We want to hit poverty in its roots and eradicate malnutrition. We work to transform the lives of people by not only offering them food for their empty stomachs, but also a better formed Christian mind and stable means of livelihood.*

*And it is also for this reason that I, as Bishop of the diocese of Boac, would like to express my most sincere appeal to you to continue supporting our partners in their untiring relentless labor to help us feed our starving brethren and hopefully get them a better life. May our good and loving God reward you for all your generosity and support to the mission of feeding the poor little ones of God.*

*Be always assured of our prayers.*

~ Most Rev. Marcelino Antonio M. Maralit Jr., DD, Bishop - Diocese of Boac  
5-12-16

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## **Poverty and Desperation: Forgotten Children Living in the Shadows**

When we walked up to Mario, we found him hungry, sick, and completely naked. His stomach was swollen from malnutrition. He had no shoes to keep the parasites from entering his body through the small cuts his feet got from walking through the garbage and trash that he lived on. He lives along the side of 12' deep ditch filled with a grayish, polluted water. His home is by a 20' high cinder block wall about a mile long, purposely built by the side of the main road to hide this extremely poverty-stricken area from visiting tourists and local rich families driving by. We

discovered hundreds of suffering little children and orphans like him trying to survive by living alongside these huge drainage ditches in Muntinlupa, a suburb of Manila in the Philippines.



They were originally built for handling torrential typhoon rains during the rainy season, but these little children and poor struggling families have nowhere else to live because they don't have enough income. As much as 900 adults may wait in line for a job, when they may be hiring only one person that day for that position. Six million people are unemployed in and around the Manila area. If they can get a back-breaking, temporary construction job for a day, many poor uneducated fathers and mothers will only be paid \$5 to \$7 for a 12-hour work day. Imagine trying to feed yourself and spouse and four children on that amount! It takes a bare minimum of 80 cents a day to feed one family member enough for them to survive each day. Most, when they find work, can only find enough work for three days a week. A joyful Christmas celebration for this little boy Mario is just having something to eat.

When we first enroll children like Joseph, pictured left, in our feeding programs, many will hide half of their first bowl of food for the next day, because they remember how terrifying it is to have nothing to eat. They know the dizziness and weakness it causes and how badly their empty stomachs ache, preventing them from sleeping during the night. This child looks at us knowing

he needs our help, wondering if we will rescue him from the plight of starvation. Will we be the hands and feet of Jesus or be a Christmas Angel coming to their life-saving rescue? With your financial support, RSM can place a nutritious meal into the very hands of a starving child just like this for only two cents a day!



All photos by Terry Derosier



These little children are breathing in terrible pollution while dodging cars in traffic, because they are so hungry. They put their own lives at risk, begging at every chance they get, in order to help feed and save some of their little brothers and sisters from starvation.

The need is so great, but we have accomplished wonderful things together. Rosalie Aquino is now ten years old, thanks to you. She would have died without your help, without being on the RSM feeding program for three and half years. Today she no longer needs to be on our feeding program, because her mom and dad can financially support her now.

They are both working, and she is no longer sick from lack of food. She is growing into a beautiful young lady and doing so well in school. She has a real chance at a bright future because of your compassion, prayers, and charity. Yes, you helped give her a Merry Christmas for the last eight years, and we hope that remembering this puts a smile on your face on Christmas day! Praise Jesus, praise God!

How many more children can we help save together, one at a time like Rosalie? RSM is celebrating 16 years of being a charity, and still 100% of your donations goes towards helping and feeding starving children.

The real question is: By the grace of God, should we try to save another million children together over the next five years?

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